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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Senator Dan Kotowski attended the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, where he received his bachelor's degree in English and communications and later attended DePaul University in Chicago, where he obtained a master's degree; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski has long been an advocate for children and families in need, serving as the Vice-President of the Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, which helps children and families recover from neglect, abuse, and trauma; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski later served as a public safety advocate with the Illinois Council against Handgun Violence; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski's background in public service led him to run for the Illinois Senate in 2006; he was elected to represent many communities, including Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, and his hometown of Park Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski has served on and led a number of committees during his career in the General Assembly, including Senate Committees on Appropriations II (Chairman), Appropriations I (Vice-Chairman), Higher Education, Criminal

1 Law, and Revenue, the Subcommittee on CLEAR Compliance
2 (Chairman), the Subcommittee on Property Taxes (Chairman), the
3 Subcommittee on Tax Credits, and Committees of the Whole; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski has been a longtime advocate for
5 those with epilepsy and autism; this year he was awarded the
6 Penny Severns Memorial Award by the Coalition of Citizens with
7 Disabilities for his ongoing support; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Kotowski has been a tireless watchdog of
9 government waste, fraud, and abuse and has sponsored
10 legislation to create the Budgeting for Results Commission to
11 create performance metrics for State programs, allowing the
12 State to fund what works and get rid of what does not; and

13 WHEREAS, To prevent criminals from cheating the taxpayers
14 of Illinois and make it easier for nonprofits to apply for
15 State grants, Senator Kotowski sponsored the Grant
16 Accountability and Transparency Act, which has created much
17 stricter guidelines for grant management while creating a
18 catalog of State grants to make it easier for charitable
19 organizations to apply for grants; and

20 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate extend to
21 Senator Dan Kotowski our best wishes as he begins the next
22 phase of his life, and we wish him and his family well;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Dan
4 Kotowski for his years of service to the people of Illinois and
5 his dedication as a member of the Illinois Senate and honor him
6 with this resolution; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Senator Dan Kotowski as a symbol of our gratitude
9 and greatest hopes for his future endeavors.